

- (i) out-of-state boaters; and
 - (ii) Maryland residents who register a boat in another state;
- (2) study security issues involved in issuing a boating license, and whether a boating license could be issued in conjunction with a Maryland driver's license;
- (3) study the benefits and costs associated with establishing a State boating license, including the benefits of increased boater safety;
- (4) study methods of incorporating boater safety education into a boating licensing mechanism;
- (5) consider the effect of a boating license requirement on tourism and economic development;
- (6) survey actions taken by other states to address concerns regarding boating safety; and
- (7) make any recommendations with respect to the feasibility and desirability of establishing and implementing a State boating license.
- (e) A member of the Task Force:
- (1) may not receive compensation; but
 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (f) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide staff support for the Task Force.
- (g) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have